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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**DIABLOS MOTORCYCLE GANG MEMBERS AND
COCONSPIRATORS SENTENCED IN METHAMPHETAMINE
TRAFFICKING CASE:**

One Gets Life

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that five methamphetamine traffickers affiliated with the Diablos Motorcycle Gang were sentenced with up to life imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge Larry J. McKinney following their convictions for the charge of conspiracy to distribute. This case was the result of an 18 month investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Evansville Police Department, Vincennes Police Department, Terre

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Haute Police Department, Gibson County Sheriff's Department, and Vigo County Sheriff's Department.

Brooks said, "These convictions are significant. In a year and a half, McGraw and his buddies moved enough methamphetamine through western Indiana to supply every citizen in Sullivan County with meth 25 times over. Putting this group behind bars will have a substantial impact on the drug market in Indiana."

Former national president of the Diablos Motorcycle Gang OSCAR B. McGRAW, JR., 56, Carlisle, Indiana was the ringleader of an organization that distributed approximately 600 pounds or 540,000 doses of methamphetamine with a street value of approximately \$17 million in western Indiana from January 2001 through June 26, 2002. Through wire surveillance over six telephones, federal authorities dismantled McGraw's drug trafficking organization, which centered around members of the Diablos Motorcycle Gang. A member of the San Bernardino, California chapter of the Diablos, Samuel T. Hargrove, was the source of the methamphetamine. Hargrove was previously convicted and sentenced for his role in this conspiracy.

Another member of the San Bernardino chapter, WILLIAM C. GRAY, 48, California City, California was Hargrove's partner and assisted Hargrove with the packaging and shipment of the methamphetamine to western Indiana.

After McGraw's operatives took control of the methamphetamine in western Indiana,

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McGraw routinely directed DANIEL O. CHESHIRE, 53, Carlisle, Indiana to distribute the methamphetamine to his customers in the region. On May 3, 2002, law enforcement intercepted an eleven pound shipment of methamphetamine, which McGraw's associates had received from California. Cheshire, chief lieutenant of McGraw, had hidden the shipment in step bars along the side of his pick up truck and was transporting it with his girlfriend MARLENE K. MANFREDDA, 52, Carlisle, Indiana. Manfredda and Cheshire, were arrested while attempting to move the methamphetamine from the residence of Walter Duregger in Center Point, Indiana to their residence in Carlisle. Three loaded firearms were also recovered from the vehicle.

Evidence presented at trial established that TONYA F. WOLFE, 43, Carlisle, Indiana, helped McGraw retrieve packages containing methamphetamine and distributed methamphetamine in the Carlisle, Indiana area. In addition, when McGraw traveled to his residence in the St. Petersburg, Florida area, Wolfe coordinated the receipt and distribution of methamphetamine in western Indiana for McGraw. Diablos member FREDERICK H. LENOVER, 54, Lyford, Indiana was another major distributor of the methamphetamine.

According to Bradley A. Blackington, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge McKinney imposed the following sentences:

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Defendant	Prison Sentence	Supervised Release	Other Conditions
DANIEL O. CHESHIRE	19 years	5 years	\$2,000 fine
MARLENE K. MANFREDDA	6 years	5 years	
WILLIAM C. GRAY	Life		
TONYA F. WOLFE	27 years	5 years	
FREDERICK H. LENOVER	29 years, 2 months	10 years	

McGraw's sentencing was continued today. The convicted trafficker faces a possible sentence of life imprisonment and a maximum \$4 million fine.

Yesterday, Judge McKinney sentenced convicted coconspirator JOHN P. DURNIN, 53, North Hollywood, California to five years imprisonment and five years supervised release for his role in packaging the methamphetamine.

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